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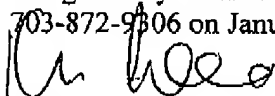
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## TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Applicants enclose herewith a Preliminary Amendment and Information

Disclosure Statement. The fee for this submission is calculated below:

	<u>Number of claims</u>	<u>Claims previously paid for</u>	<u>Extra claims</u>	<u>Fee per claim</u>	<u>Total fee</u>
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Independent Claims	10	10	0	100	\$0
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The Commissioner is requested to deduct said \$75 and any other fees required for this Amendment or credit any overpayment to deposit account 500794.

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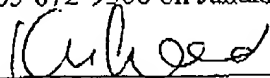


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## AMENDMENT

Please amend the claims as set forth in exhibit A attached hereto.

## REMARKS AND INTERVIEW SUMMARY

In the Office Action dated November October 19, 2004, the Examiner rejected claims 1-46 over Mitchell. Applicants respectfully submit that the claims distinguish over Mitchell for reasons set forth in the office action response sent by facsimile to the USPTO on September 14, 2003.

On November 3, 2004, Applicants' attorney and the Examiner had a telephone interview. During the telephone interview, the Examiner inquired as to the relevance of U.S. Patent 5,962,834, issued to Markman. Applicants' attorney pointed out that Markman was completely irrelevant to the claimed invention. Markman merely affixes an RFID to a hanger used to hold clothes at a dry cleaning establishment. Before the clothes are provided to the customer, the RFID is removed. Nowhere does Markman discuss a) providing goods to a customer in reusable containers equipped with an RFID,